

An Epitome of All Vanity

by Thomas Brooks

The sermon emphasizes that every man, even at his best state, is completely empty and lacking in true value and worth due to Adam's fall.

Scripture: Psalm 39:5, Ecclesiastes 1:2, Isaiah 40:6

Topics: "The Fall of Man", "Human Vanity"

Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the profound truth that every man, at his best state, is ultimately vanity, as stated in Psalms 39:5. He reflects on the fall of Adam, illustrating how humanity has devolved from its original glory to a state of emptiness and insignificance, likening man to dust, a shadow, and a comprehensive vanity. Brooks argues that despite any earthly honors or comforts, all are rendered meaningless in light of man's fallen nature. He poignantly describes the tragic transformation of man from the image of God to a burden to himself and heaven. The sermon serves as a sobering reminder of the need for redemption and the futility of relying on worldly achievements.

Transcript

"Truly, every man at his best state is altogether vanity."

Psalm 39:5

By Adam's fall, man has become a pile of dust, a puff of wind; a dream; a shadow; a puff of smoke; a poor silly flea, a worm, a debased soul, a curious nothing. Yes, man having fallen from his primitive glory, has become altogether vanity, says the prophet in Psalm 39:5, "Truly, every man at his best state is altogether vanity." Truly, every man--not some man, but every man at his best state, when he is in the height and perfection of all creature comforts and contentments, is

altogether, not in some measure--but altogether, vanity--all vanity. Since the fall of Adam every natural man in his best estate is vanity; nay, every man is every vanity. Imagine whatever vanity you will--fallen man is that. He is a comprehensive vanity--he is an epitome of all vanity. Man in honor, before his fall, was the best of creatures; but since his fall, he has become the worst of creatures. By his fall he is fallen below the very beasts which perish. He who was once the image of God, the glory of paradise, the world's ruler, and the Lord's darling--has now become a burden to heaven, a burden to himself.

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